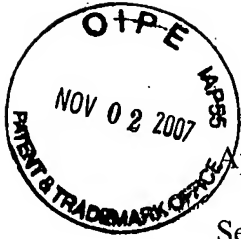


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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION**

This is in response to the Office Action of July 31, 2007 which allowed claims 3-11, 13, 14, 33 & 35-38; indicated claims 15-21, 23 & 25-31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, and rejected the remaining claims 1, 2, 32 and 39 under §103 in view of a combination of the Reef and Fournier references.

Please amend this application as follows: